



# **VIRGINIA VETERANS SERVICES FOUNDATION**

## **Report to the Joint Leadership Council September 9, 2021**

The Virginia Veterans Services Foundation (VVSF) Board of Trustees has not held a Board of Trustees meeting since the last Joint Leadership Council meeting of July 14, 2021. The next VVSF Board of Trustees meeting will be in person and scheduled for later today, September 9, 2021, also at the Virginia War Memorial. We are excited to have the opportunity to meet many of the VVSF trustees in-person for the first time.

Work on various VVSF projects continue through the summer. The Procedures and Policies Committee met jointly with the Finance Committee on August 31, 2021. Procedures and Policies Committee Chair, Jack Lanier has been working closely with VVSF staff to confirm all deadlines are met when updating various VVSF documents required for consideration at the first quarter board meeting. The Procedures and Policies Committee recommendations will be presented to the full Board for approval in September.

The Finance Committee with the guidance of the Committee Chair, Walter Stosch is working to finalize the various budget matters that need to be considered by the board for fiscal year 2022 (FY22).

The Development Committee Chair, Robin Beres has been working on a variety of articles and fundraising messages to be used for upcoming campaigns. With fundraising as a top priority, the Development Committee will have a busy year identifying the needed funding sources to support the DVS programs.

With COVID 19 restrictions easing, the return of Community Fundraisers events have started. This is a very welcome return for the Foundation. These events are essential for increasing revenue and providing outreach opportunities throughout the Commonwealth. There are two established events planned in September and October.

On September 17, 2021 the Knights of Columbus Assembly 3349 will hold the Dave Marchant Memorial Virginia Veterans Tournament at the Piankatank River Club in Hartfield, Virginia. The George C. Marshall MOAA Chapter will host their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at the Lexington Golf and Country Club on September 10, 2021. VVSF is very fortunate to have many dedicated and generous supporters. They invest a great deal of their time, and work hard to host fundraisers year after year.

Commissioner Maxwell and the VDVS Directors are diligently working to prepare for the needs of veterans. VVSF is preparing for the financial means that may be needed in the future.

The past months have been very challenging and the unexpected consequences of COVID 19 remains. The Foundation is committed to increasing revenue to meet the needs of all Virginia veterans. VVSF looks forward to working with Commissioner Maxwell and the VDVS team as they work to determine the level of support needed for veterans in the upcoming years. A strong collaboration between the VVSF and VDVS will result in identifying and assisting additional veterans through the programs and services of VDVS.

Overall donations were down for the Foundation in FY21, much of what can be attributed to the overall impact of the pandemic. A complete end of the year report will be provided to the trustees at the September 9, 2021 Board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Lesinski, Chairman  
Veterans Services Foundation